

A PLEA FOR THE HORSE.—At the meeting of the British Association in Dublin in August, 1857, Mr. Charles Bianconi, of Cashel, read a paper relative to his extensive car establishment; after which a gentleman stated that at Pickford's, the great English carriers, they could not work a horse economically more than ten miles a day, and wished to hear Mr. Bianconi's opinion on the subject. Mr. Bianconi stated, he found by experience, he could *better* work a horse eight miles a day for *six* days in the week, than six miles a day for *seven* days in the week. By not working on a Sunday he effected a *saving of twelve per cent.* This statement elicited loud applause.

Mr. Bianconi's opinion on this point is of the highest authority; for, although the extension of railways in the land has thrown thirty-seven of his vehicles out of employ, which daily ran 2446 miles, still he has over nine hundred horses, working sixty-seven conveyances, which daily travel 4244 miles: it is also founded on the result of forty-three years' experience.

Thus it appears, that if men merely act from selfish motives, "in keeping God's commandments there is an exceeding great reward."

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SYDNEY RURAL DEANERY.

A meeting of this Rural Deanery was held at Mainadieu, Cape Breton, on Wednesday, the 21st of August last. It was attended by the Rev. Dr. Uniacke, Rector of Sydney, R. D., Rev. Wm. Meek of Sydney Mines, Rev. Alfred Brown of Glace Bay, and Rev. W. H. Jamison, resident Missionary of Mainadieu. Three services were held in the Village Church, and all were very well attended by the inhabitants, who shewed by their sustained attention that such opportunities were properly appreciated by them.

The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a good many communicants besides the Clergy. The Rev. Mr. Brown read prayers in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Meek the lessons. The Rural Dean took the Ante-communion service, and preached from Psalms 84, verse 10. The Rev. Mr. Jamison with Mr. Meek, read the Gospel and Epistle, and assisted in the administration of the Communion. In the afternoon the Rural Dean occupied the desk. The Rev. Mr. Brown reading the lessons, and Rev. Mr. Meek preaching from Revelations: Chap. 1, part of 5th verse.

The Rev. Mr. Jamison read the lessons; in the evening another very faithful and impressive sermon from Acts (Chap. 24, verse 25,) was preached by the Rector of Sydney Mines. I cannot omit making mention here of the exemplary behaviour of the congregation in Church, and the cordial manner in which the responses were made. The choir sang well, and the chanting of portions of the service was excellent; in this also the congregation joined heartily.

After being hospitably entertained at dinner in the house of Mrs. Verner where the Missionary resides, the usual private meeting of the Clergy was held. This, being preceded by prayer, chiefly consisted of a friendly communication of sentiments upon many points relating to the general prospect of our Church, and upon subjects connected with parochial duty. It was determined at the same time to hold the next meeting at Cow Bay upon St. Luke's day, which falls upon the 18th of October.

As we had many miles to travel before reaching Mainadieu, we felt thankful for the very fine weather with which we were favoured during the whole time. Mainadieu is a thriving fishing settlement, prettily situated upon the sides and at the base of a curved range of hills, which enclose the little Harbour,—and which is an extremely picturesque piece of water. The inhabitants of the place consist altogether of Roman Catholics and members of the Church of England. The Church has lately received the addition of a tower and spire,—which although rather defective in architecture,—